

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Before claim 1, please insert the following heading at the left-hand margin:

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Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) Conveyor line (1) for products (16) such as bottles, cans or similar containers, comprising with at least one guide railing (6) which is adjustable across a the direction of conveyance and is operable by at least one actuator drive (2), and ~~characterized in that~~ stops (8a, 8b, 8c) which can optionally be placed in one or more the adjustment pathway(s) and delimit the at least one guide railing it can be arranged at several preset positions (7, 7', 7'') to define various railing positions.

2. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ at least two stops (8a, 8b) are provided.

3. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 1, wherein ~~or 2, characterized in that~~ the stops (8a, 8b, 8c) can be moved into the preset positions (7, 7', 7'') by one of either manually, and/or by control means, or a combination thereof.

4. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 1, wherein ~~Claims 1 through 3, characterized in that~~ the stops (8a, 8b, 8c) which are in preset positions (7, 7', 7'') can be moved into the adjustment pathway(s) by one of either manually, and/or by control means, or a combination thereof.

5. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 1, and Claims 1 through 4, ~~characterized in that~~ at least one opposing stop (11) which can be brought into contact (8) with the stops (8a, 8b, 8c) and follows the adjusting movement is arranged on one of the guide railing (6) or the actuator drive (2).

6. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 5, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the opposing stop (11) has at least two stop faces (11a, 11b) facing away from one another as [-] based on the adjustment pathway(s).

7. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 5, wherein one of Claims 1 through 6, characterized in that the actuator drive (2) is a linear drive, in particular a preferably double acting pneumatic cylinder having a cylinder element (Z) which has a cylinder body (9) and a piston rod (10) and the preset positions (7, 7', 7'') are assigned to the linear drive, preferably as a stop mount (A) attached to the cylinder element (Z) of the pneumatic cylinder in the axial direction.

8. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 1, wherein one of Claims 1 through 7, characterized in that the preset positions (7, 7', 7'') are designed in the form of recesses, in particular bores into which the stops (8a, 8b, 8c) can be inserted in a form fitting manner.

9. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 46, wherein Claims 1 through 8, characterized in that the preset positions (7, 7', 7'') are designed in the form of multiple bores in the stop mount (A) set along the adjustment pathway(s) in the axial direction, preferably in at least two rows with an arrangement of bores offset in the axial direction of the stop mount (A).

10. (Currently amended) onveyor line according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of Claims 1 through 9, characterized in that the stops (8a, 8b) are designed as form-fitting plug or screw elements, preferably pins.

11. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 4, wherein one of Claims 4 through 10, characterized in that the stops (8a, 8b, 8c) are designed as pneumatic cylinders that can be operated by control means.

12. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 46, wherein one of Claims 7 through 11, characterized in that the stops (8a, 8b, 8c) can be screwed into threaded bores (7, 7', 7'') in the stop mount (A).

13. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 46, wherein one of Claims 7 through 12, characterized in that the stop mount (A) has an axial bore (13) aligned with the cylinder body (9).

14. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 13, wherein characterized in the bore (13) is arranged coaxially with the piston rod (10) and the piston rod latter passes at least partially through it the bore.

15. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 13, wherein ~~Claims 13 and 14, characterized in that~~ the inside diameter (D) of the bore (13) is greater than the outside diameter (d) of the piston rod (10), thus forming an annular space (14).

16. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 15, wherein ~~Claims 8 through 15, characterized in that~~ the bores (7, 7', 7'') for accommodating the stops (8a, 8b, 8c) are assigned to the annular space (14) so that the stops (8a, 8b, 8c) pass through the annular space (14) approximately at a right angle to the its longitudinal extent of the annular space (14) when in an ~~the~~ engaged or working position.

17. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 46, wherein ~~13 through 16, characterized in that~~ the stop mount (A) has a centering shoulder (12) which engages in the cylinder body (9) in a form-fitting manner.

18. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 46, wherein ~~at least one of Claims 5 through 17, characterized in that~~ the opposing stop (11) is attached to the piston rod (10) and is guided in the interior of the stop mount (A).

19. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 46, wherein ~~Claims 13 through 18, characterized in that~~ the opposing stop (11) is displaceable with the piston rod (10) over the entire length of the adjustment path(s) in the stop mount (A).

20. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 1, wherein ~~Claims 1 through 19, characterized in that~~ the adjustable guide railings (6) are arranged so they run opposite one another in pairs and parallel to the direction of conveyance ~~conveyor~~ with a distance between the pairs ~~them~~.

21. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 1, wherein ~~Claims 1 through 20, characterized in that~~ the products (16) to be transported, ~~in particular bottles,~~ have a collar (17) by means of which they are transported suspended on two parallel sliding mounting ~~rails~~ (15) which run with a distance therebetween ~~them~~.

22. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 21, wherein ~~characterized in that the sliding rails carrying strips~~ (15) are mounted in such a way that the products (16) are conveyed as suspended items beneath an air guide box (3).

23. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 21 or 22, and ~~characterized in that~~ a nozzle channel (4) running in the direction of conveyance has blow nozzles aimed at the products (16) in the direction of conveyance.

24. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 1, wherein ~~Claims 1 through 20, characterized in that~~ the products (16) to be conveyed, ~~in particular containers,~~ are conveyed standing upright on a conveyor belt.

25. (Currently amended) ~~Actuator~~ An actuator drive, ~~in particular~~ for actuating and positioning adjustable guide railings on conveyor lines for products such as bottles, cans or similar containers, comprising ~~characterized in that~~ multiple stops (8a, 8b, 8c) which can be arranged at preset positions (7, 7', 7'') and can be moved into one or more ~~the~~ adjustment path(s) of the actuator drive (2) and delineate the one or more adjustment path(s) ~~are provided for defining various positions.~~

26. (Currently amended) Actuator drive according to Claim 25, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ at least two stops (8a, 8b) are provided.

27. (Currently amended) Actuator drive according to Claim 25, wherein ~~Claims 25 or 26, characterized in that~~ the stops (8a, 8b, 8c) can be moved into the preset positions (7, 7', 7'') by one of manual operation or ~~by~~ controlled operation.

28. (Currently amended) Actuator drive according to Claim 25, wherein ~~at least one of Claims 25 through 27, characterized in that~~ the stops (8a, 8b, 8c) can be moved into the adjustment path(s) ~~either~~ by one of manual operation ~~and/or by~~ controlled actuation.

29. (Currently amended) Actuator drive according to Claim 25, and ~~at least one of Claims 25 through 28, characterized in that~~ at least one opposing stop (11) which can be brought into contact (8) with the stops (8a, 8b, 8c) and which follows the adjusting movement ~~is arranged in the~~ adjustment path(s) ~~of adjustment(s).~~

30. (Currently amended) Actuator drive according to Claim 29, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the opposing stop (11) has at least two stop faces (11a, 11b) facing away from one another, as based on the adjustment path(s) of adjustment(s).

31. (Currently amended) Actuator drive according to Claim 25, wherein at least one of Claims 25 through 30, ~~characterized in that~~ the actuator drive is a linear drive, ~~in particular a preferably~~ formed as a double-acting pneumatic cylinder having a cylinder element (Z) which has a cylinder body (9) and a piston rod (10), and the preset positions (7, 7', 7'') are assigned to the pneumatic cylinder, ~~preferably as and~~ comprise a stop mount (A) which is attached to the cylinder element (Z) (9) in the axial direction.

32. (Currently amended) Actuator drive according to Claim 25, wherein at least one of Claims 25 through 31, ~~characterized in that~~ the preset positions (7, 7', 7'') are designed in the form of recesses, ~~in particular bores,~~ into which the stops (8a, 8b, 8c) can be inserted in a form-fitting manner.

33. (Currently amended) Actuator drive according to Claim 31, wherein at least one of Claims 31 or 32, ~~characterized in that~~ the preset positions (7, 7', 7'') are designed in the form of multiple bores in the stop mount (A) offset in an ~~the~~ axial direction, ~~preferably in at least two rows with an arrangement of bores that are offset in relation to one another in the axial direction of the stop mount (A).~~

34. (Currently amended) Actuator drive according to Claim 25, wherein at least one of Claims 25 through 33, ~~characterized in that~~ the stops (8a, 8b, 8c) are designed as one of form-fitting screw or plug elements, ~~preferably pins.~~

35. (Currently amended) Actuator drive according to Claim 25, wherein one of Claims 28 through 34, ~~characterized in that~~ the stops (8c) are designed as pneumatic cylinders that can be operated by control means.

36. (Currently amended) Actuator drive according to Claim 31, wherein one of Claims 31 through 35, ~~characterized in that~~ the stops (8a, 8b, 8c) can be screwed into threaded bores (7, 7', 7'') in the stop mount (A).

37. (Currently amended) Actuator drive according to Claim 31, wherein ~~one of Claims 31 to 36, characterized in that~~ the stop mount (A) has an axial bore (13) aligned with the cylinder body head (9).

38. (Currently amended) Actuator drive according to Claim 37, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the axial bore (13) is arranged coaxially with the piston rod (10) and with the latter piston rod (10) passing through the axial bore (13) it at least partially.

39. (Currently amended) Actuator drive according to Claim 37, wherein ~~39 and 38, characterized in that~~ the inside diameter (D) of the axial bore (13) is greater than the outside diameter (d) of the piston rod (10) and an annular space (14) is formed therebetween ~~them~~.

40. (Currently amended) Actuator drive according to Claim 39, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the bores (7, 7', 7'') are assigned to the annular space (14) to accommodate the stops (8a, 8b, 8c) such that the stops (8a, 8b, 8c) pass through the annular space (14) approximately perpendicularly to the ~~its~~ longitudinal extent thereof when in an engaged position or working position.

41. (Currently amended) Actuator drive according to Claim 31, wherein ~~Claims 31 through 40, characterized in that~~ the stop mount (A) has a centering shoulder (12) which engages in the cylinder head (9) in a form-fitting manner.

42. (Currently amended) Actuator drive according to Claim 31, and an at least one of Claims 31 through 41, characterized in that the opposing stop (11) which is attached to the piston rod (10) and is guided in the interior of the stop mount (A).

43. (Currently amended) Actuator drive according to Claim 42, wherein at least one of Claims 31 through 42, characterized in that the piston rod (10) is displaceable with the opposing stop (11) over the entire length of the stop mount (A).

44. (Currently amended) Conveyor line according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of Claims 1 through 24, characterized in that the guide railing (6) is operable so that it is adjustable in height by at least one actuator drive (2') longitudinally to the vertical axis of the products ~~items~~ being conveyed, with stops

(8a, 8b, 8c) which may optionally be arranged in the adjustment path (V) at multiple preset positions (7, 7', 7'') and delineate said path on the vertical adjustment path (V) of the guide railing (6) or the at least one actuator drive (2') and thereby define various railing positions.

Please add the following claims:

45. (Newly added) Conveyor line according to Claim 7, wherein the linear drive is a double-acting pneumatic cylinder having a cylinder element (Z) which has a cylinder body (9) and a piston rod (10).

46. (Newly added) Conveyor line according to Claim 45, wherein the preset positions (7, 7', 7'') assigned to the linear drive comprises a stop mount (A) attached to the cylinder element (Z) of the pneumatic cylinder in the axial direction.

47. (Newly added) Conveyor line according to Claim 8, wherein the recesses comprise bores into which the stops (8', 8'', 8''') can be inserted in a form-fitting manner.

48. (Newly added) Conveyor line according to Claim 9, wherein the four of the multiple bores in the stop mount (A) comprises at least two rows with an arrangement of bores offset in the axial direction of the stop mount (A).

49. Conveyor line according to Claim 10, wherein the one of form-fitting plug or screw elements comprise pins.

50. Conveyor line according to Claim 21, wherein the products to be transported are bottles having a collar (17).

51. Conveyor line according to Claim 32, wherein the recesses are formed as bores.

52. Actuator drive according to Claim 33, wherein the form of multiple bores comprises at least two rows with an arrangement of bores that are offset in relation to one another in the axial direction of the stop mount (A).

53. Actuator drive according to Claim 34, wherein the stops are designed as pins.

54. Conveyor line according to Claim 1, wherein the actuator drive is a linear drive formed as a double-acting pneumatic cylinder having a cylinder element (Z) which has a cylinder body (9) and a piston rod (10) and where the preset positions (7, 7', 7'') are assigned to the linear drive and formed as a stop mount (A) attached to the cylinder element (Z) of the pneumatic cylinder in the axial direction.